

DRAWINGS

Please replace drawing sheet ½ as currently on file with the enclosed replacement sheet ½. A red-pen marked-up version of the replacement sheet is also enclosed, for your convenience.

REMARKS

At the time the present Office Action issued, claims 1 to 11 were pending. Claims 1 to 11 have been allowed, for which the Examiner is thanked. The Office Action issued in accordance with practice under *Ex-parte Quayle* to resolve outstanding issues of formal nature. The Examiner is also thanked for his diligent reading of the specification and helping to identify these issues thereby giving Applicant an opportunity to correct before issuance.

Formal explanation of the Claim Amendments

Claim 10 has been amended to make corrections of formal and linguistic nature.

New claims 12 to 19 have been added. Of these, new claims 12 to 18 are each dependent on claim 1 as based on original claims 3 to 9. New claim 19 is dependent on claim 10, and is based on subject matter that had been deleted from original claim 10 in a previous amendment dated 24 September 2004.

Thus, every amendment finds basis in the original claims, and it is therefore respectfully submitted that none of the amendments constitutes an addition of subject matter.

Drawings

The drawings have been objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(4) because reference character "10" was used to designate both the "filter support" and the "pin-shaped element". A replacement sheet containing corrected Figure 1 is enclosed.

Attorney for Applicant traverses the objection in part, because reference character "10" was not used to designate both the "filter support" and the "pin-shaped element", as stated by the Examiner. Instead it designated both the "filter support" and the "filter grid" for which also reference character "11" is used.

Nevertheless, in order to resolve any possible ground of objection, in the corrected Figure, the reference "10" that was associated with the part that was also labeled "11" has been deleted.

Specification

The specification has been objected to because p. 6 lines 1 and 6 read "the filter support 10" and p. 6 line 3 reads "the filter support 13". This objection has been overcome by deleting "13" from said line 3.

Although not specifically called for, but nevertheless triggered by the objection raised against the drawing, the next paragraph in the specification has also been amended. In this paragraph, lines 23 and 24 read "pin-shaped element 10". This has been resolved by inserting "forming filter support" and "that forms filter support" between "element" and "10". This is consistent with the previous paragraph, where on page 6 lines 1-2 read: "a filter support 10, which in this example has the form of a pin-like extension".


Concluding remarks

In conclusion, Attorney has addressed each and every ground for objection raised by the Examiner in the Office Action under *Ex-parte Quayle* practice. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Attorney respectfully submits that the specification and claims, both new and as amended, are now in a state ready for allowance. In the event the Examiner has any questions or issues regarding the present application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned prior to the issuance of any written action.

Respectfully submitted,

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